(4) Gram Vigyan Mandals.

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Protection and Development of Forest, Development of Tourism, Augmenting water supply facilities and Establishment of Ecology Research and Development Centre.

Poverty line

2525. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the per capita monthly expenditure level in ascertaining poverty line in rural and urban areas respectively; and

(b) what is the minimum earning required by a citizen per month to remain above poverty line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) For ascertaining the poverty line at 1984-85 prices, the per capita monthly expenditure level has been estimated to be Rs. 107 in rural areas and Rs. 122 in urban areas and this updated poverty line has been used in the Seventh Five Year Plan. The basis of determining the poverty line is the report of the "Task Force on Minimum Needs and Effective Consumption Demand," Planning Commission. According to this report, the poverty line is the per capita monthly expenditure level of Rs. 49.09 in rural areas and Rs. 56.64 in urban areas at 1973-74 prices, corresponding to the calories requirements of 2400 per capita per day in rural areas and 2100 per capita per day in urban areas. This poverty line is up-dated for recent years by using the Central Statistical Organisation Private Consumption Deflator (as a proxy for rise in the price of the consumption basket).

(b) No specific target has been fixed in the Seventh Five Year Plan regarding the minimum earning per month required by a citizen to remain above poverty line. However, the person's monthly earning should be sufficient enough for him to spend at least Rs. 107 per month in rural areas and Rs. 122 per month in urban areas at 1984-85 prices, so as to enable him to remain above poverty line.

Identification of Vidarbha as backward area

2526. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission have identified Vidarbha and other regions in Maharashtra as backward areas for development in the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what is the amount allocated for their development region-wise during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(c) the details of development proposed to be undertaken in Vidarbha during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The details of the development proposed would be available with the State Government.

दिल्ली में इलेक्ट्रोनिकी प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र की स्थापना

2527. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली प्रशासन इटली के सहयोग से इलेक्ट्रानिकी के एक प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र की स्थापना करने का विचार रखता है ; और